

Updates from parishes and state agencies:

AS OF 1000 HOURS 13 JUNE 2013

ACTIVATION LEVEL: LA CRISIS ACTION TEAM (AS OF 0930 HOURS)

021-13 CHEMICAL FIRE ASCENSION PARISH (GEISMAR) 13 JUNE 2013

SITUATION

At about 0837 hours 13 June 2013, an explosion occurred at the William Olefins plant in Geismar (Ascension Parish) on Louisiana Highway 3115. The explosion also resulted in an ethylene chemical fire.

The Louisiana State Police will be releasing any information involving injuries.

Louisiana Highway 30 has been closed. A 2-mile shelter in place zone has been set up from the incident site. It was later lifted.

ACTIONS BY PARISH

Ascension parish has local responders at the incident and has set up an incident command at the intersection of Louisiana Highway 3115 and Louisiana Highway 74.

Ascension Parish Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is fully activated

ACTIONS BY STATE AND OTHER AGENCIES

GOHSEP:

Created WebEOC incident 021-13 Chemical Fire Ascension Parish (Geismar) 13 June 2013 to support this event.

Is deploying its Mobile Command Post

GOHSEP Region 2 Coordinator on scene to assist the parish

DOTD

Assisting LSP with road closures at their direction. The Area Engineer has staff onsite and is in route himself. Sign crews are currently setting up road closures and variable message boards. Directing southbound traffic in this area to LA 74 eastbound. Northbound traffic is being directed up LA 73. Asked Ascension Parish Sheriff to assist with traffic control at the intersection of LA 73 at LA 74

LSP

Deployed personnel to the scene to assist

Deployed a helicopter to investigate the incident

DCFS

Alerted American Red Cross of the incident and is monitoring

DHH

Notified LERN along with hospitals in Region 1 and 2.

DEQ

DEQ reported the following:

Local triage handling minor injuries

System is shut in and release is ongoing, appears to be residual in the system that is burning.

On scene and assisting

AMERICAN RED CROSS

Has alerted their local red Cross Chapter and is monitoring.

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